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Dear Mr. Sharp:

I am happy to answer your inquiry.

Herbert W. Armstrong was a member of the Church of God (Seventh Day). He joined the church in Oregon in 1927-28. He received a ministerial license to preach for the church from the Oregon State Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day). This was the manner in which ministerial licenses were issued by the Church in the late 20's and early 30's. Later Armstrong received ministerial credentials from the Salem branch of the Church of God (Seventh Day). It was revoked in 1937 because Mr. Armstrong persisted in teaching British-Israelism and the observance of the annual festivals. The Church of God (Seventh Day) never taught either of these and asked Armstrong to stop teaching them. When he did not, his credentials were revoked. When Armstrong's credentials were removed, he seems to have removed himself from membership in the church.

Mr. Armstrong assigned the Sardis Era to the Church of God (Seventh Day). The Church never adopted the concept that the Seven Churches of Revelation represented eras.

I never knew H. W. Armstrong but I have heard that he was ruthless in his dealings with people, often his own colleagues.

I trust this information will help answer your questions.

Sincerely,



Robert Coulter